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Title: DATA TRANSMISSION VIA DIRECT MODULATION OF A MID-IR LASER

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.114, 1.121

This is a reply to an Office Action mailed May 24, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time is being submitted with this RCE and reply.

a. Introductory Comments

Claims 1 – 3 and 6 – 24 were pending and rejected in the Office Action.

Herein, Applicants amend claims 1, 2, and 13.

Applicants request reconsideration.